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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, Claims 1-19 are pending. Claim 2-3, 6, 8-13, and 15-19 were amended in response to an objection. Claim 7 was amended to more particularly point out applicants' invention.

Claims 2-3, 6, 8-13, and 15-19 were objected to for various informalities. The claims have been amended to correct the informalities, in accordance with the suggestions in the Official Action.

Claim 7 was rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Official Action identified an alleged absence of "clear linkage" between portions of the claim. Claim 7 has been amended to more specifically recite updates to the local controller. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 1-19 were provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-32 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,641, and claims 1-31 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,364. Applicants will submit terminal disclaimers shortly.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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